

# Bi-Weekly Current Affairs (1-15 July 2022) English PDF

## Bi-Weekly One Liner Updates 1-15<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Dear readers,

**Bi-Weekly One-Liners Updates** is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the **two weeks** (1-15<sup>th</sup>) of **July 2022**. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance** exams.

### **Banking & Financial Awareness**

1. Which bank has approved two complementary loans of \$500 million each to enhance and support India's health sector \_\_\_\_\_ **World Bank**.

**Note:**

- This \$1 Billion financing will support India's flagship Pradhan Mantri-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM).
- This scheme was launched in October 2021.

2. What is the name of a learning app, that has been launched by the ICICI Securities \_\_\_\_\_ **ICICIdirect iLearn**.

**Note:**

- An aim to provide customers with easy access to learning financial products and market topics.
- This will help customers with this app to better assist them in their investment journey.

3. Which insurance company Ltd has launched a smart solution, 'Insta confirmation of insurance (Insta-COI)'+ \_\_\_\_\_ **Max Life**.

**Note:**

- Aim: To customers buying the 'Max Life Smart Fixed-return Digital Plan'.
- This is a non-linked, non-participating, individual life insurance savings plan on Max Life website or Policybazaar platform.

4. By how much percent the growth of bank deposit has been recorded in March 2022 as compared with 11.9% in 2021, as per the Reserve Bank of India data \_\_\_\_\_ **10%**.

**Note:**

- Current, savings and term deposits have been increased by 10.9%, 13.3% and 7.9%, respectively, during 2021-22.
- The share of current account and savings account (CASA) deposits has been increasing over the years and stood at 44.8% in March 2022 as compared with 41.7% three years ago.

5. Which bank has joined hands with EazyDiner to launch of Dining Delights for the bank customers \_\_\_\_\_ **Axis Bank**.

**Note:**

- It offers choice of over 10,000 premium restaurants across India and Dubai.
- 40% discount on specific credit cards at hand-picked premium restaurants in India and Dubai

6. Which platform will be used by 'Aditya Birla SBI Card' credit card \_\_\_\_\_ **Visa**.

**Note:**

- SBI Card has entered into a partnership with Aditya Birla Finance Ltd to launch credit card named Aditya Birla SBI Card..
- This is a rewards-centric credit card, launched in two variants - 'Aditya Birla SBI Card SELECT' and 'Aditya Birla SBI Card'.

7. According to the CRISIL, what would be the real GDP growth for India in FY23 \_\_\_\_\_ **7.3%**.

**Note:**

- The downward revision to higher oil prices, slowing of export demand and high inflation.
- The RBI has also estimated 7.2% real GDP growth for this fiscal year.

8. Which General Insurance has joined hands with Avanse Financial Services to provide travel insurance to Indian students \_\_\_\_\_ **Edelweiss General Insurance.**
- Note:**
- It offers complete coverage against medical, stay, travel inconvenience-related covers, emergencies and losses.
  - The students can also customize their plan per their needs and requirements from universities.
9. What amount of GST has been collected by the government in June 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **Rs 1,44,616 crore.**
- Note:**
- The mop-up in June 2021 had stood at Rs 92,800 crore.
  - This is the second-highest collection ever, after the April 2022 mop-up of Rs 1,67,540 crore.
10. In which two cases Non-bank payment system operators (PSOs) shall require approval from the RBI \_\_\_\_\_ **Takeover or acquisition of control and Sale or transfer of payment activity.**
- Note:**
- The RBI shall respond within 45 calendar days after receipt of complete details.
  - The authorised non-bank PSO should inform DPSS, CO, RBI within 15 calendar days.
11. The RBI has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 1.05 crores on which bank for deficiencies in regulatory compliance \_\_\_\_\_ **Kotak Mahindra Bank.**
- Note:**
- RBI imposed Rs 1 crore penalty on IndusInd Bank.
  - Kotak Mahindra Bank has failed to maintain margin on advances to stock brokers, credit the amount involved in the unauthorised electronic transactions to the customers' account.
12. Which gramin bank has signed a bancassurance pact with SBI Life Insurance to offer wide product range of SBI Life \_\_\_\_\_ **Paschim Banga Gramin Bank.**
- Note:**
- Products include: Wealth creation, credit life, annuity and savings products.
13. Which NBFC has received an approval from the RBI to open 150 new branches across the nation \_\_\_\_\_ **Muthoot Finance.**
- Note:**
- This approval will help the company to expand its customer base.
  - Muthoot Finance had also expanded its doorstep service of gold loan@home across South India with an aim to make credit more accessible and easy to avail.
14. Which General Insurance company has launched a comprehensive motor insurance product named SWITCH \_\_\_\_\_ **Edelweiss.**
- Note:**
- This product was launched under Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority's (IRDAI) Sandbox initiative.
  - SWITCH is a digital mobile telematics-based motor policy.
15. The Central government has decided to set up which single entity for appointments of Wholetime Directors and Non-Executive Directors in public sector banks (PSBs), public sector insurers (PSIs) and financial institutions (FIs) \_\_\_\_\_ **Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB).**
- Note:**
- This new entity will be headed by former Chairman of Banks Board Bureau, Bhanu Pratap Sharma for two years.
  - The Cabinet committee, headed by the Prime Minister has approved the establishment of FSIB.
16. Which general insurance company has launched the Cyber VaultEdge insurance plan for individuals \_\_\_\_\_ **SBI General Insurance.**
- Note:**
- This comprehensive cyber insurance cover provides protection against financial losses arising from cyber risks and attacks.
  - This covers unauthorised e-transactions, loss of wages resulting from identity theft and instances impacting online reputation.
17. Which bank has signed an agreement with Forest and Wildlife Department of Kerala to enable digital collection of payments at eco-tourism centres, Vanasree shops, mobile Vanasree units and eco-shops across the State \_\_\_\_\_ **South Indian Bank.**

**Note:**

- With the help of this partnership, the digital collection system of South Indian Bank will now be available at all 124 tourist spots that comes under the Forest Department.

18. IRDAI has permitted the general insurance provider to introduce technology-enabled add-ons to which type of general insurance \_\_\_\_\_ **motor insurance**.

**Note:**

- Add-ons are: Pay-as-you-drive, pay-how-you-drive and floater policy for vehicles belonging to the same individual owner for two wheelers and private cars.
- Objective: It will make motor insurance more affordable, especially for customers who primarily opt for only third-party (TP) insurance and overlook the benefits of OD covers.

19. Which bank has partnered with software firm, Salesforce to support the company's growth priorities \_\_\_\_\_ **HDFC Ltd.**

**Note:**

- HDFC, to build the next generation of integration backbone, to connect backend and frontend systems including Salesforce.
- Mulesoft (Software Company) with its innovative API-led integration approach and low code integration capabilities will help HDFC to innovate quickly around connecting systems.

20. Punjab National Bank (PNB) has signed MoU with which armed force for 'PNB Rakshak Plus' \_\_\_\_\_ **Indian Air Force**.

**Note:**

- The scheme covers personal accidental insurance, air accidental insurance to serving, retired and trainees of the defence forces, central armed police forces, state police force, metro police and retired defence pensioners.
- Death Cover- Personal Accidental: Rs. 50 lakh; Air Accidental Insurance : Rs. 100 lakh

21. Which Insurance Company has launched Smart Capital Guarantee Solution, which is a life insurance product solution that combines three benefits \_\_\_\_\_ **Max Life Insurance Company**.

**Note:**

- This product is launched by merging the benefits of Max Life Smart Wealth Plan and Max Life Flexi Wealth Advantage Plan.
- It will offer wealth creation through market-linked returns along with a guarantee on premiums paid at maturity with additional financial protection

22. RBI has imposed a penalty of Rs 5.72 crore on which bank for deficiencies in regulatory compliance \_\_\_\_\_ **Federal Bank**.

**Note:**

- RBI imposed penalty of Rs 70 lakh on Bank of India for non-compliance with certain provisions of Know Your Customer (KYC) norms and instructions on 'compliance function in banks' issued by RBI
- RBI has been imposed on Dhani Loans and Services Ltd, Gurugram for non-compliance with KYC norms with fine of Rs 7.6 lakh

23. Along with Razorpay, Pine Labs, and Stripe, which organisation has received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for payment aggregator licences \_\_\_\_\_ **1Pay**.

**Note:**

- Payment aggregators: Entities that enable e-commerce sites and merchants to accept various payment instruments from customers.
- They allow merchants to connect with acquirers.
- In the process, they receive payments from customers, pool and transfer them to the merchants after a time period.

24. The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has approved the establishment of an Interim Operational Hub in which city \_\_\_\_\_ **Abu Dhabi**.

**Note:**

- The hub will provide AIIB with a strong platform to enable effective supervision of its growing investment portfolio.
- India is the second-largest shareholder in AIIB after China.
- Reason: UAE was chosen as the location keeping in mind its connectivity with many of the 105 members of the bank.

25. Which bank has partnered with the Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM) to support the state's budding startups with collateral-free loans \_\_\_\_\_ **SBI**.

**Note:**

- Aim: To leverage the existing Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE), set up by the Centre to improve the credit flow to the MSE sector.
  - The CGTMSE will be utilised by the SBI to provide collateral-free loans of up to Rs 2 crore to startups recognised under KDEM's Elevate programme.
26. Bank of Baroda has partnered with which organisation to roll out the third phase of the 'Baroda Jan Dhan Plus' programme across Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand \_\_\_\_\_ **Women's World Banking**.
- Note:**
- In this phase, the programme will reach out to existing Jan Dhan customers of BoB through financial literacy camps.
  - Baroda Jan Dhan Plus' encourage women account holders to save money by depositing Rs. 500 monthly for five months and can get a PMJDY overdraft loan facility of up to Rs 10,000.
27. Which Asset Management Ltd has launched a new fund offer (NFO) for Focused Equity Fund \_\_\_\_\_ **Edelweiss Asset Management Ltd**.
- Note:**
- This will invest in 25-30 stocks spread across three key investing opportunities of - (1) brands, (2) market share gainers, and (3) innovators.
  - The fund will be managed by Trideep Bhattacharya and Abhishek Gupta.
28. Which organisation has announced a system for the domestic traders to settle imports and exports in rupees \_\_\_\_\_ **RBI**.
- Note:**
- This system will promote the global trade growth with an emphasis on exports from India and will support the increasing interest of the global trading community in the domestic currency.
  - This decision was came after, the rupee touching record lows against the dollar.
29. Which subsidiary of SBI has signed a MoU with the Ministry of External Affairs for establishing the Trilateral Development Cooperation Fund (TDC Fund) \_\_\_\_\_ **SBICAP Ventures Limited**.
- Note:**
- The TDC Fund helps to route the India's commitment of approx. Rs.175 cr. to the Global Innovation Development Fund (GIP Fund).
  - The UK and India have partnered to launch the GIP and the Trilateral Development Corporation fund.
30. Which insurance company has joined hands to create a strategic alliance with City Union Bank \_\_\_\_\_ **Tata AIA Life Insurance Co. Ltd**.
- Note:**
- Aim: To offer life and health insurance solutions to the Bank's consumers.
  - With the help of this partnership, the City Union Bank consumers (existing and new) will get benefit from Tata AIA Life's diverse and innovative products and services spanning term insurance, savings and investment, and health.
31. Which organisation has formed two task forces to study the issues of non-life and life insurance industries face in reinsurance support \_\_\_\_\_ **IRDAI**.
- Note:**
- Reinsurance support: It refers to insurance companies transferring a part of the risk they underwrite to other firms.
  - Non-life insurance: Headed by Bhargav Dasgupta (MD&CEO, ICICI Lombard General Insurance); Nine members
  - Life insurance: Headed by Naveen Tahilyani (MD&CEO, TATA AIA Life Insurance; seven-members
32. Which bank signs MoU with Shriram General Insurance to distribute the latter's insurance products through its branches \_\_\_\_\_ **City Union Bank (CUB)**.
- Note:**
- Under this, Shriram General Insurance will offer personal lines of insurance products like motor, personal accident, home and travel, along with commercial lines of insurance products such as property, marine and engineering insurance to the bank's customers.
33. Which company has signed a strategic partnership with RBL Bank to offer mortgage guarantee backed home loan products to salaried and non-salaried customers \_\_\_\_\_ **India Mortgage Guarantee Corporation**.
- Note:**
- This partnership will help RBL Bank to extend the mortgage guarantee-backed home loans to new borrower segments through the bank's network.
  - It also help to create a conducive lending environment by ensuring timely disbursal of housing credit and longer tenure to customers

34. Which insurance company has partnered with the Common Services Centres (CSC), under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology to increase the health insurance penetration in rural India \_\_\_\_\_ **Star Health and Allied Insurance Co. Ltd.**

**Note:**

- Aim: To provide over 5 lakh CSCs access to a select range of Star Health insurance products and
- The products have been designed to meet the needs of rural customers across the tier-II, tier-III cities, and rural markets pan India.

35. What is the name digital lending app of the NBFC-MFI Arohan Financial Services, that was for its customers to make repayments and other transactions through the digital mode \_\_\_\_\_ **ApnaArohan.**

**Note:**

- It reduces the physical interaction with the loan officers of the MFI.
- The AI-powered app will help to increase the outstanding portfolio from ₹4,500 crore (June 2022) to around ₹5,100 crore by the end FY23.

### Obituaries

1. Peter Brook, who passed away, was an eminent personality in which field \_\_\_\_\_ **Theatre and cinema director.**

**Note:**

- He was born in London and transferred from Britain to Paris in 1970.
- He was received the Tony Award for Best Direction in 1966 for his interpretation of Peter Weiss' "Marat/Sade," and in 1970 for the production of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

2. Tarun Majumdar, who passed away, he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **Filmmaker.**

**Note:**

- He has won National Award four-times and received Padma Shri.
- His first directed film was Chawa Pawa (1959), starring Uttam Kumar and Suchitra Sen.

3. Gopinathan Nair passed away, was a famous \_\_\_\_\_ **Freedom fighter.**

**Note:**

- He had participated in the Quit India Movement in 1942 and imbibed the Gandhian principles of peace and non-violence in everyday life.
- He was served as chairman of the Kerala Mahatma Gandhi National Memorial Trust, which is managed by the Union Government.

4. Mohammad Barkindo (Nigerian), who has passed away, was secretary-general of which organisation \_\_\_\_\_ **OPEC.**

**Note:**

- His second term as head of OPEC was set to end on July 31, 2022.
- He hold the post for six years since 2016.
- He started his career with the Nigerian Mining Corporation in 1982, and also served as deputy MD of Nigerian Liquefied Natural Gas.

5. Shinzo Abe, who has been passed away, was a longest Prime Minister of which country \_\_\_\_\_ **Japan.**

**Note:**

- He held office in 2006 for one year and again from 2012 to 2020.
- In 2020, he resigned from the PM post due to the debilitating bowel condition ulcerative colitis.
- He was the first Japanese PM to be chief guest at India's Republic Day parade in 2014.

6. José Eduardo dos Santos, who has passed away, was former President of which country \_\_\_\_\_ **Angola.**

**Note:**

- He was one of Africa's longest-serving heads of state, who ruled for almost four decades as president of Angola.
- He stepped down from the president's post in 2017.
- He had also fought for the continent's longest civil war and turned his country into a major oil producer.

7. Luis Echeverria Alvarez, who has passed away, served as president of which country \_\_\_\_\_ **Mexico.**

**Note:**

- He started his career as a lawyer and become a member of Mexico's Institutional Revolutionary Party.
- He has also initiated the establishment of diplomatic relations with China in February 1972.

- He was also known for promoting the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States at the United Nations in 1972.
8. Former Chairman of Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd (VSNL), Brijendra K Syngal, who has passed away, was acknowledged as the father of \_\_\_\_\_ **Indian Internet**.
- Note:**
- Syngal has written his memoir "Telecom Man: Leading From the Front in India's Digital Revolution".
  - Under his leadership, on August 15, 1995, VSNL had formally launched the Internet for the Indian public.
9. Dr. Enamul Haque, who has been passed away, was associated with which field \_\_\_\_\_ **Archaeology**.
- Note:**
- He became the director of the museum in 1973 and served as director general of National Museum from 1983 to 1991.
  - He was conferred with Padma Shri in 2020 for his work on Bengal's Iconography and terracotta art.
10. Barry Sinclair, who has passed away was a former cricket captain of which company \_\_\_\_\_ **New Zealand**.
- Note:**
- He was the third batter from New Zealand after Bert Sutcliffe and John R Reid to score 1,000 runs in Test cricket.
  - He had played 21 Tests for New Zealand between 1963 - 1968, scored 1148 runs, including three centuries against South Africa, Pakistan and England.
11. Avdhash Kaushal, who has passed away, was a \_\_\_\_\_ **Social worker**.
- Note:**
- He founded the Rural Litigation and Entitlement Kendra (RLEK) for the development work among tribal hill communities in the areas of Jaunsar-Bawar (Dehradun district).
  - He led various initiatives including protecting the fragile eco-system of Doon valley, abolition of the bonded labour system in Jaunsar-Bawar area of Dehradun and securing the rights of marginalised communities.

### Important Days

1. The Chartered Accountants' Day or CA Day is observed on which date annually in India \_\_\_\_ **1<sup>st</sup> July**.
- Note:**
- It is also known as ICAI Foundation Day.
  - The day is marked to commemorate the foundation of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) on July 1, 1949.
2. National Doctors' Day has observed annually on which date in India by the Indian Medical Association (IMA) \_\_\_\_\_ **1<sup>st</sup> July**.
- Note:**
- Theme 2022: "Family Doctors on the Front Line."
  - First time, this day celebrated in 1991 on July 1 to honour Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy, whose birth and death anniversary, both fall on July 1.
3. The first Saturday of July has been observed as which day \_\_\_\_\_ **International Day of Cooperatives**.
- Note:**
- This year, the International Day of Cooperatives is being observed on July 2.
  - Theme 2022: Cooperatives Build a Better World.
4. The World UFO Day (WUD) is observed on which date annually \_\_\_\_\_ **2<sup>nd</sup> July**.
- Note:**
- It is a day dedicated to the undoubted existence of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO) by World UFO Day Organization (WUFODO).
  - To raise awareness about the existence of UFOs.
5. World Sports Journalists Day is observed on which date every year \_\_\_\_\_ **2<sup>nd</sup> July**.
- Note:**
- To celebrate the services of sports journalists for the promotion of sports.

- The International Sports Press Association (AIPS) established the World Sports Journalist Day in 1994.
6. On which date International Plastic Bag Free Day annually \_\_\_\_ **3<sup>rd</sup> July**.
- Note:**
- To raise the awareness about the issue of plastic pollution on the planet.
  - This day was first observed on July 3, 2008, by a member of Zero Waste Europe (ZWE) Rezero in Catalonia.
7. World Zoonoses Day is marked annually on which date to commemorate the first vaccination administered against a zoonotic disease \_\_\_\_ **6<sup>th</sup> July**.
- Note:**
- To educate and raise awareness about zoonotic diseases that can transmit from animals to humans.
  - It commemorates French biologist Louis Pasteur, who administered the first dose of the first vaccine against rabies.
8. World Kiswahili Language Day is observed on which date annually \_\_\_\_ **7<sup>th</sup> July**.
- Note:**
- Kiswahili is one of the most widely spoken languages in Africa and the most widely spoken in sub-Saharan Africa.
  - This is also the only African language that is an official language of the African Union.
9. National Fish Farmers Day is celebrated every year on which date to demonstrate solidarity with all fisher folk, fish farmers and concerned stakeholders throughout the Country \_\_\_\_ **10<sup>th</sup> July**.
- Note:**
- It is 65<sup>th</sup> National Fish Farmers Day being celebrated across the Country.
  - National Fisheries Development Board, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India celebrated the National Fish Farmers Day virtually at National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) Hyderabad.
10. The World Population Day is observed on which date every year with an aim to increase the awareness of the people towards the worldwide population issues \_\_\_\_ **11<sup>th</sup> July**.
- Note:**
- The Day was first marked on 11th July 1990 in more than 90 countries.
  - The theme for World Population Day 2022 is 'A world of 8 billion: Towards a resilient future for all - Harnessing opportunities and ensuring rights and choices for all.'
11. World Paper Bag Day is observed annually on which date to raise awareness of the importance of using paper bags instead of plastic bags \_\_\_\_ **12<sup>th</sup> July**.
- Note:**
- The theme for Paper Bag Day this year is, "If You're 'fantastic', Do Something 'dramatic' To Cut The 'Plastic', Use 'Paper Bags'."
  - Francis Wolle, an American inventor, created the first paper bag machine in 1852.
12. International Malala Day is celebrated every year on which date to honour the young woman who has been advocating for female education \_\_\_\_ **12<sup>th</sup> July**.
- Note:**
- The day is used as an opportunity to appeal to world leaders to ensure compulsory and free education for every child.

### **New Appointments**

1. Who has become the 20th Chief Minister of Maharashtra \_\_\_\_ **Eknath Shinde**.
- Note:**
- BJP leader, Devendra Fadnavis was sworn-in as Deputy Chief Minister of the state.
  - Devendra Fadnavis had served as the CM of Maharashtra from 2014-19.
2. Who has been officially became the 14th prime minister of Israel, after replacing Naftali Bennett \_\_\_\_ **Yair Lapid**.
- Note:**
- His term could be a fairly short one, as he takes over a caretaker government ahead of national elections on November 1.
  - He is a former journalist who serving as PM of Israel since July 1, 2022.
3. Who has been appointed as a brand ambassador of PokerBaazi \_\_\_\_ **Shahid Kapoor**.
- Note:**

- To create a robust ecosystem for Poker in India.
  - According to research firm Statista, the online gaming industry across India was valued at around ₹79 billion in 2021, marking a leap from about ₹65 billion in 2020.
4. Who has been appointed as President of world's anti-terrorism financing agency, Financial Action Task Force (FATF) for two years (July 2022 -June 2024) \_\_\_\_\_ **T Raja Kumar.**
- Note:**
- He succeeded Dr Marcus Pleyer, who served as the chief of the FATF.
  - He will be responsible for enhancing the effectiveness of global anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing measures.
5. Who was elected as the 16th Speaker of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly after defeating Rajan Salvi (Shiv Sena candidate) \_\_\_\_\_ **Rahul Narwekar.**
- Note:**
- The post of the Maharashtra Speaker was vacant after Nana Patole (Congress) resigned from the office in February 2021.
6. Who has been appointed as the new chief executive officer and managing director of Aviva India, with effect from July 11, 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **Asit Rath.**
- Note:**
- He will replace Amit Malik, who is leaving the business after 10 years.
  - Currently, He is working as the CEO of Prudential Myanmar Life Insurance.
7. Who has been appointed as the new brand ambassador for FanCode \_\_\_\_\_ **Ravi Shastri**
- Note:**
- FanCode is set to host some of the best cricketing action with exclusive rights to India's tour of the West Indies and ECB's The Hundred.
  - Shastri will bring out FanCode's 'fan-first' proposition by leading the upcoming campaigns for these properties.
8. Who has been appointed as the president of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) \_\_\_\_\_ **Vice-Chancellor of Jadavpur University, Suranjan Das.**
- Note:**
- His one year tenure has come into effect from July 1.
  - Earlier, he was a Professor of History at the University of Calcutta and served the Vice Chancellor at University of Calcutta for the period between 2008 and 2015.
9. Who has been reappointed as MD & CEO of Manappuram Finance with effect from 27 July 2022 upto 31 March 2024 \_\_\_\_\_ **VP Nandakumar.**
- Note:**
- He is post graduate in science with additional qualifications in Banking & Foreign Trade.
  - He started his banking career with Nedungadi Bank. In 1992, he promoted Manappuram Finance and has been a director of the company since then.
10. Who has been assigned the charge of Ministry of Minority Affairs after the resignation of Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi \_\_\_\_\_ **Smriti Irani.**
- Note:**
- Jyotiraditya Scindia has been given the additional charge of the Ministry of Steel after the resignation of Ram Chandra Prasad Singh.
11. Who has been appointed as Force Commander of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) \_\_\_\_\_ **Lt Gen Mohan Subramanian.**
- Note:**
- He succeeds Lt Gen Shailesh Tinaikar (India).
  - Presently, he is serving as the Commandant of Defence Services Staff College, Wellington.
12. Who has been appointed as India's new Sherpa for the G-20 \_\_\_\_\_ **Amitabh Kant.**
- Note:**
- He replaced Piyush Goyal (Minister for Commerce & Industry and Consumer Affairs), who was appointed as the G-20 Sherpa in September 2021.
  - India will hold the presidency of G20 from December 1, 2022 to November 30, 2023.

- He served as the NITI Aayog CEO from June 2016 to 2022.
13. Who has been elected President Designate of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for 2022-23 \_\_\_\_\_ **R Dinesh (Executive Vice-Chairman of TVS Supply Chain Solutions).**
- Note:**
- He has been the Chairman of CII Southern Region during 2018-19.
  - Sanjiv Puri (Chairman and Managing Director, ITC) will continue as the Vice-President of CII.
  - Sanjiv Bajaj (Chairman and Managing Director, Bajaj Finserv Ltd) continues to be the President of CII for 2022-23.
14. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the private non-life insurer SBI General Insurance with effect from 5th July 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **Paritosh Tripathi.**
- Note:**
- He succeeded P.C. Kandpal, who has been posted as Deputy Managing Director (DMD)-(P&RE) at SBI.
  - He has more than 32 years of banking experience and has worked in various departments including MSME, mid-corporate segment, international banking and bancassurance.
15. Who has been appointed as the seventh President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) with effect from 1st October 2022 for a four-year term \_\_\_\_\_ **Alvaro Lario.**
- Note:**
- IFAD is an international financial institution and specialized United Nations agency
  - It is the only multilateral development organization that focuses on rural economies, food security and climate change
16. Who has been appointed as the Chairman & Managing Director of Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) for a period of five years, with effect from 10th July 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **Brajesh Kumar Upadhyay.**
- Note:**
- Earlier, he was serving as the Director of Operations within the company (GSL).
  - He will be responsible for the efficient functioning of the company for achieving its corporate objectives.
17. Who has been appointed as part-time chairman of the Karur Vysya Bank for three years \_\_\_\_\_ **Meena Hemchandra.**
- Note:**
- Previously, she worked as an additional director under Independent Category of the bank.
  - She worked as Executive Director of RBI from June 2015 to November 2017 and served as secretary to the Board of Note Mudran for four years.
18. Who has been appointed as CMD of the New India Assurance Company Ltd (NIACL) for three months \_\_\_\_\_ **Madhulika Bhaskar.**
- Note:**
- She has replaced Atul Sahai, whose tenure had ended on February 28, 2022 following his superannuation.

### Important News - India

1. The government of India has banned the single-use plastic from \_\_\_\_\_ **July 1, 2022.**
- Note:**
- As per the notification on August 12, 2021, the government has prohibited the manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale, and use of all identified single-use plastic items, which have low utility and high littering potential with effect from July 1, 2022.
2. Which state has topped the 'Top Achievers' list as per the Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP)- 2020, was released by FM Nirmala Sitharaman \_\_\_\_\_ **Andhra Pradesh.**
- Note:**
- Top Achievers: Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Punjab, Telangana and Tamil Nadu.
  - Achievers category: Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh
  - Aspirers category: Assam, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Jharkhand, Kerala, Rajasthan and West Bengal.
3. PM Narendra Modi has participated in which programme to launch various key initiatives to ramp up the MSME sector \_\_\_\_\_ **Udyami Bharat.**
- Note:**

- Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance: Aims to scale up the implementation capacity and coverage of MSMEs
- Capacity Building of First-Time MSME Exporters: To encourage MSMEs to offer goods and services of international standards for the global market.
- Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme

4. Which state-owned organisation has planted 75 sapling under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to create Namami Gange Amrit Vatika at Kalindi Kunj Ghat on River Yamuna in New Delhi \_\_\_\_\_ **National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)**.

**Note:**

- This activity was carried out under the initiative Yamuna Ghat par Vriksharopan.
  - NMCG has also conducted the Cleanliness drive on River Yamuna in Delhi is a regular activity organized on the 4th Saturday of every month.
5. PM Narendra Modi has virtually inaugurated Bosch India's first smart campus in which city, was built at a cost of Rs 800 crore \_\_\_\_\_ **Bengaluru**.

**Note:**

- The 76-acre, Spark.NXT campus facilitates multiple smart solutions based on security, sustainability, and user experience for associates, visitors, and facility management.
  - At present, Bosch has 16 manufacturing sites and seven development and application centres in India.
6. What is the theme of Digital India Week 2022, that was inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi at Gandhinagar in Gujarat on July 4, 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **Catalyzing New India's Techade**.

**Note:**

- He will also launch 'Digital India GENESIS' - a National Deep-tech Startup Platform, to discover, support, grow and make successful startups in Tier-II and Tier-III cities of India.
7. Which train holds the title of the longest train route in the country (both in terms of distance and time), runs from Dibrugarh in Assam to Kanyakumari in Tamil Nadu \_\_\_\_\_ **Vivek Express**.

**Note:**

- The train covers total of nine states: Assam, Nagaland, Bihar, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu.
  - The announcement of the Vivek Express was made in presentation of the railway budget for 2011-12 by Mamata Banerjee (then Railway Minister of India).
8. India's largest floating solar plant is now fully operational in which state \_\_\_\_\_ **Ramagundam, Peddapalli district of Telangana**.

**Note:**

- Capacity : 100MW
  - This floating solar power photovoltaic project was commissioned by the NTPC.
  - As of July 1, the total commercial operation of floating solar capacity in the southern region has risen to 217 MW.
9. Which organisation has develop a National Health Claims Exchange as a digital platform to settle health claims in association with IRDAI \_\_\_\_\_ **National Health Authority (NHA)**.

**Note:**

- Debasish Panda (Chairman of IRDAI) has proposed for creation of a working group with representation from industry.
- This group will decide how to make the largest segment of general insurance in India attract more people to buy health insurance.

10. Which state has been selected as the 'Best Performer State' for the third time in the States' Startup Ranking 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **Gujarat**.

**Note:**

- The ranking has categorized the states under two categories - category A and category B - based on their size.

- Top performers:
- A category: Kerala, Maharashtra, Odisha, and Telangana
- B category: J&K
- Startup leaders:
- Category A: Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Assam
- Category B: Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

11. Which state has come before Uttar Pradesh as the top state in the State Ranking Index for National Food Security Act (NFSA) \_\_\_\_\_ **Odisha.**

**Note:**

- The first edition of State Ranking Index for NFSA has been released by Consumer Affairs Minister Piyush Goyal.
- Special Category: Tripura, followed by Himachal Pradesh and Sikkim.
- Last: Ladakh (34), Meghalaya (33), Manipur(32)

12. Who has launched the TiHAN, a Testbed for Autonomous Navigation for both ground and aerial vehicle testing at IIT Hyderabad \_\_\_\_\_ **MoS, Jitendra Singh.**

**Note:**

- Aim: to promote collaborative research between academia, industry and R&D labs.
- TiHAN refers to Technology Innovation Hub on Autonomous Navigation.

13. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved which organisation to acquire minority and non-controlling stake of 1.28% of equity capital of Bharti Airtel Limited \_\_\_\_\_ **Google International LLC.**

**Note:**

- Along with this investment agreement, both companies have also entered into certain commercial deals through their affiliates.
- Google International LLC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Google LLC, latter is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Alphabet Inc.

14. Which energy company has collaborated with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and Self-Employed Women's Association of India (SEWA) to launch 'Project Surya' \_\_\_\_\_ **ReNew Power.**

**Note:**

- Aim: To train low-income women salt pan workers to work as solar technicians.
- Women salt pan workers will be trained as solar panel and solar pump technicians at Dhokavada village in the Patan district of Gujarat.

15. Greenko has signed MoU with which IIT to launch nation's first dedicated school for sustainable science and technology \_\_\_\_\_ **IIT Hyderabad.**

**Note:**

- Aims: Fill the gap in research, education and skills in the sustainable development space.
- The school will also promote studies in climate change mitigation; artificial intelligence and space technology; energy transition and industrial transformation.

16. India has signed MoU with which country on High Impact Community Development Projects, with financial and technical assistance from India \_\_\_\_\_ **Armenia.**

**Note:**

- The MoU was signed at the 8th India-Armenia Intergovernmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technological, Cultural and Educational Cooperation (IGC) held in Yerevan.
- Later, Mahatma Gandhi Auditorium was inaugurated at the Yerevan State Medical University (YSMU).

17. The centrally sponsored scheme, Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) was launched in which year \_\_\_\_\_ **29th June 2020.**

**Note:**

- By the Ministry of Food Processing Industries under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan.

- Aim: formalising the food processing sector and celebrating their tremendous support towards the economy.

18. Which ministry organize "Hariyali Mahotsav" on 8th July, 2022 at Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi \_\_\_\_\_ **Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.**

**Note:**

- Aim: To create awareness about the importance of trees in the life.
- This is being organized by Ministry of Environment in association with the State Governments, Police Institutions and Schools of Delhi for undertaking plantation drives.

19. Which organisation has announced the launch of Startup School India (SSI) as part of its Startups initiative \_\_\_\_\_ **Google.**

**Note:**

- Through this platform, the Google will bring together investors, successful entrepreneurs and programmers.
- Aim: To reach out to at least 10,000 startups with this programme.
- This is a nine-week program, which will be delivered virtually.

20. First floating terminal of India for liquefied natural gas (LNG) is located at which place that is expected to be operational in the second half of 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **at Jaigarh in Maharashtra.**

**Note:**

- Floating storage and regasification units (FSRUs) of H-Energy Gateway at Jaigarh and the Swan Energy-led terminal at Jafrabad are cumulatively expected to add 11 million tonnes per annum of regasification capacity.
- The sixth LNG import terminals was Mundra LNG in 2020.

21. Which board has launched a portal named 'Pariksha Sangam' \_\_\_\_\_ **CBSE Board.**

**Note:**

- To connect students, school regional offices and CBSE board headquarters to integrate examination-related processes.
- A single window is available for board examination results, sample papers, and other details.
- The pariksha sangam portal can be accessed at parikshasangam.cbse.gov.in.
- The portal is divided into three parts, namely- Schools (Ganga), Regional Offices (Yamuna) and Head Office (Saraswati).

22. PM Narendra Modi attended first 'Arun Jaitley Memorial Lecture' (AJML), held in \_\_\_\_\_ **Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi.**

**Note:**

- First AJML keynote address was delivered by Mr. Tharman Shanmugaratnam (Senior Minister, Government of Singapore).
- Organized by: Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance in recognition of Shri Arun Jaitley's invaluable contribution to the nation.

23. Which organisation has developed web geo-portal for NCR, known as 'PARIMAN' for the purpose of effective utilization of Remote Sensing and GIS technology \_\_\_\_\_ **National Informatics Centre (NIC).**

**Note:**

- It will be initially used by NCR Participating states and Office of National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB)
- It will help to improve decentralized planning and management in NCR region

24. Which state has the maximum number of government-recognized startups, followed by Karnataka and Delhi, as per Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) data \_\_\_\_\_ **Maharashtra.**

**Note:**

- As many as 13,541 active DPIIT recognized startups were from Maharashtra, out of the total 73,205 govt-approved new age companies
- Maharashtra has a share of 18% with respect to the total number of startups
- Karnataka has 8,902 startups and Delhi is home to 8,670 enterprises as of 5th July

25. Who has launched 'SVANidhi' Mahotsav to celebrate the success of PM SVANidhi Scheme \_\_\_\_\_ **Hardeep Singh Puri (Housing and Urban Affairs Minister).**

**Note:**

- This festival is organised by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs from 9th -31st of July 2022.
- PM SVANidhi (Prime Minister Street Vendors AtmaNirbhar Nidhi) scheme was launched on June 1, 2020 to provide the working capital loans to street vendors.

26. Which ministry has signed an MoU with Union Health Ministry Ministry to eliminate TB in India by 2025 \_\_\_\_\_  
**Panchayati Raj.**  
**Note:**
- The MoU was signed by Dr. Bijaya Kumar Behera, Economic Adviser on behalf of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj and Dr. P Ashok Babu, Joint Secretary on behalf of the Ministry of Health.
  - This MoU will shape the inter-Ministerial collaboration and strategic partnerships to achieve the Prime Minister's ambitious target of eliminating TB in India.
27. Who has unveiled the 6.5 metre-tall National Emblem on top of the new Parliament building (under-construction) \_\_\_\_\_  
**PM Narendra Modi.**  
**Note:**
- The emblem made of bronze, weighs 9,500 kg.
  - A supporting steel structure of 6,500 kg was made to support the emblem.
  - The emblem was created by Sunil Deore (Aurangabad) and Laxman Vyas from (Jaipur).
  - Bimal Patel of HCP Designs, Ahmedabad, is the architect in charge of the building (new Parliament).
  - The building is being built by Tata Projects.
28. Which organisation has unveiled India's first indigenously developed lithium ion cell \_\_\_\_\_ **Ola Electric.**  
**Note:**
- The company will begin mass production of the cell (NMC 2170) from its Chennai-based Gigafactory by 2023.
  - The company was recently allocated 20GWh capacity under the ACC PLI scheme by the govt for developing advanced cells in India.
  - The Ola Electric had launched its first electric vehicle in August 2021 and has also set up the world's largest two-wheeler manufacturing facility in India.
29. As per the data released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), What is retail inflation of India in June 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **7.01%.**  
**Note:**
- The CPI inflation has breached the upper limit of RBI's tolerance band (2-6%) for the sixth consecutive month.
  - The India's Index of Industrial Production (IIP) has surged 19.6% in May, as against 7.1% rise in April 2022.
30. Which Helicopter Engines has signed an agreement with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) to create a new joint venture intended to develop helicopter engines \_\_\_\_\_ **Safran.**  
**Note:**
- The MoU was signed by Mr. R. Madhavan (HAL CMD) and Franck Saudo (Safran CEO).
  - Aim: To meet the requirements of HAL and India's Ministry of Defence (MoD) future helicopters, including the future 13-ton IMRH (Indian Multi Role Helicopter).
  - Both companies have also partnered for Shakti engine.
31. PM Modi participates in the first-ever I2U2 Leaders' Summit Virtually. What is the full form of I2U2 \_\_\_\_\_ **India-Israel-UAE-USA.**  
**Note:**
- The summit will be attended by his Israeli counterpart Yair Lapid; UAE President, Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, and the US President Joe Biden.
  - The I2U2 Grouping was conceptualized during the meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the four countries held in 2021.
32. As per Nomura, what would be the 2023 forecast for economic growth in India \_\_\_\_\_ **4.7%.**  
**Note:**
- Its earlier projection of 5.4% amid recession fears and rising interest rates.
  - Reason: Higher inflation, monetary policy tightening, dormant private capex growth, the power crunch and the global growth slowdown.
  - Retail inflation rate of India - the CPI has been recorded 7.01% as compare to 7.04% in May, the sixth consecutive month that the CPI inflation has remained above RBI set limit.

**Important News - State**

1. Which state Chief Minister has launched the 'Naari Ko Naman' scheme to provide 50 % concession on fares in state buses to women commuters within the state boundaries \_\_\_\_\_ **Jai Ram Thakur (CM of Himachal Pradesh)**.  
**Note:**
  - He has also announced a reduction in the minimum bus fare from Rs 7 to Rs 5 to all passengers across the state.
2. NTPC signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with which state government for the development of 10 GW Ultra Mega Renewable Energy Power Park \_\_\_\_\_ **Rajasthan**.  
**Note:**
  - The MoU was signed in the presence of Rajasthan Energy Minister Bhanwar Singh Bhati.
  - In addition to this, the NTPC REL is developing one UMREPP of 4.75 GW capacity in Rann of Kutch, Gujarat.
3. Tata Power has signed an MoU with which state government to invest Rs 3,000 crore for setting up a greenfield 4GW solar cell and 4 GW solar module manufacturing \_\_\_\_\_ **Tamil Nadu**.  
**Note:**
  - The plant will be set up in Tirunelveli district of Tamil Nadu.
  - Tata Power has also built a manufacturing unit in Bangalore, which has a production capacity of 635 megawatts of modules and 500 megawatts of cells.
4. Which electricity company has developed 'EV Mitra' mobile app with an aim to provide information about EV charging stations \_\_\_\_\_ **BESCOM, Bengaluru**.  
**Note:**
  - Earlier, the BESCOM had introduced the EV Jagruthi Web portal, in a joint initiative of NITI Ayog and the United Kingdom.
  - This web portal gives state specific information on the availability of electric vehicles, incentives, support mechanisms and initiatives of the state government regarding electric mobility.
5. Which state government is planning to introduce in the Assembly the Right to Health Bill, the first of its kind in India \_\_\_\_\_ **Rajasthan**.  
**Note:**
  - To provide quality and affordable health care services through government and private health care providers.
  - Earlier, the government had prepared a draft bill that defines the rights of patients, attendants and health care providers.
6. Which state/UT has launched the 'Mission Kushal Karmi' programme \_\_\_\_\_ **Delhi government**.  
**Note:**
  - Aim: to offer a skill development training course to labourers, who are registered with the Delhi Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board.
  - The government will also compensate the loss of work by providing ₹4,200 to those workers who take the course (15-day programme).
  - The programme conducted by the Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University, Simplex, NAREDCO and India Vision Foundation.
7. Who has inaugurated two new Internet Exchange Points (IXP) of NIXI at Durgapur and Vardhman to improve internet connectivity in West Bengal \_\_\_\_\_ **Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology**.  
**Note:**
  - It is under the 1000-day plan of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
  - The first Internet Exchange at Kolkata is also run by NIXI.
  - The internet service providers can connect at these points, and provide benefit to their end-users.
8. Which state has been ranked first in the Delta Ranking for the month of June under the Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Rurban Mission \_\_\_\_\_ **Jharkhand**.  
**Note:**
  - The report was released by the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India.
  - The State Government led by CM Hemant Soren is moving forward with the mantra of "Jeevika Bhi, Jeevan Bhi".
  - Aim: To strengthen the rural economy and provide employment to the villagers.

- The state has earned 8th place in the country.
9. Which state government has received in-principle nod from the Centre for \$300 million school education project which is funded by the World Bank \_\_\_\_\_ **Chhattisgarh**.
- Note:**
- Loan tenure: 5 years, the state government has to payback this amount over a period of 20 years.
  - Aim: To boost the education system of Chhattisgarh.
  - In-principle nod: The central government has no objection with the State borrowing money from international financial institutions like World Bank.
10. Which state government has launched a new scheme named "Earn with Learn" to bring back those who had dropped out of schools following the outbreak of Covid-19 \_\_\_\_\_ **Tripura**.
- Note:**
- This scheme is a part of the Vidyalaya Chalo Abhiyan (Let's go to school).
  - About 8,000 students between the age group of 6 to 14 had dropped out of school during the pandemic.
  - The state government will pay Rs 500 per admission to each college student as reward for bringing back such dropouts to school again.
11. Which state/UT has government joined hands with the UNICEF to create employment opportunities for students \_\_\_\_\_ **Delhi**.
- Note:**
- Skill Varsity of Delhi partnered with YuWaah (Generation Unlimited India) at UNICEF to enable access to employment opportunities.
  - Another pillar, the 'YuWaah Step Up - Bano job ready', it is a six-month pilot being conducted by Flywheel Digital Solutions Pvt with DSEU students.
12. Which state government is ready to invest Rs. 300 crores from the externally aided projects to make investment in early childhood education programmes \_\_\_\_\_ **Meghalaya**.
- Note:**
- Chief Minister of Meghalaya, Conrad K Sangma has inaugurated the new building of the Directorate of Education Research and Training (DERT), Shillong.
  - The state govt has also prepared a road map to invest in early childhood education programmes.
13. Which state government has launched a SAH-BHAGITA scheme to increase the involvement of the Residential Welfare Association (RWAs) in optimal tax collection and waste management systems \_\_\_\_\_ **Delhi**.
- Note:**
- RWAs will get 15% of the total collection of property tax for development works in their areas.
  - On achieving 90% tax collection from their societies, the RWA can recommend development work to the tune of 10% of the tax collection subject to a ceiling of Rs 1 lakh in their areas.
14. Which state government has become the first state in the nation to initiate the process of implementing the Centre's New Education Policy 2020 with the launch of 'Bal Vatikas' at anganwadi kendras \_\_\_\_\_ **Uttarakhand**.
- Note:**
- Chief Minister, Pushkar Singh Dhami has inaugurated Bal Vatikas across the state to strengthen the pre-primary education system.
  - This will function at 4,457 anganwadi kendras in the state and will be equivalent to the nursery classes at a private school.

### Important News – World

1. Which group has now become an official promoter of Eveready Industries \_\_\_\_\_ **Burman family**.
- Note:**
- The investment firms of the Burman family entities had acquired a 14.55% share of Eveready Industries from the open market and now collectively own a majority stake.
  - Prior to this, the family had acquired a 23.83% stake in Eveready Industries.
  - Besides Dabur, the Burman family owns other businesses which include Aviva Life Insurance Co, Lite Bite Foods, HealthCare atHOME (HCAH).

2. Which country of Africa has recently announced the discovery of a deposit of 31 million tonnes of gold ore, with extractable pure gold estimated to gross 320,000 tonnes \_\_\_\_\_ **Uganda**.

**Note:**

- It will attract big investors to develop the Sector hitherto dominated by small wildcat miners.
- To boost the country's economy, the Ugandan Government has licensed Wagagai Gold Mining Company, a Chinese firm to start producing gold products in the Busia district.

3. Jayshree V Ullal has been named on the eighth edition of Forbes' list of America's richest self-made women among Indians. She is a president of \_\_\_\_\_ **Arista Networks**.

**Note:**

- Other Indian American: Neerja Sethi, Neha Narkhede, Indra Nooyi, Reshma Shetty
- Diane Hendricks, co-founder and chairman of ABC Supply has topped the list.

4. Which city has emerged as the best city for students, according to the QS Best Student Cities Ranking 2023 \_\_\_\_\_ **London**.

**Note:**

- Focus area of study: Affordable, student facilities, and university standard among other factors.
- Top four (2nd to 5th): Seoul, Munich, Zurich and Melbourne
- India's highest-ranked student city is Mumbai at 103 spot, followed by Bengaluru at 114 ranks.
- Chennai and Delhi have made their entries to the list this year at 125 and 129, respectively.

5. As per the 27th edition of the UN World Population Prospects 2022, India is projected to surpass which country as the world's most populous country in 2023 \_\_\_\_\_ **China**.

**Note:**

- With the 1,426 million population, China remains the most populous country in the world in 2022.
- India has been recorded 1,412 million population.
- The global population will reach 8 billion on November, 2022 that is three times of the population of 2.5 billion in 1950. By 2050, India's population will reach 1,668 million.

6. Which organisation is ready to become the world's first Intermodal Partner of Star Alliance \_\_\_\_\_ **Deutsche Bahn (DB)**.

**Note:**

- Under the new partnership, the DB customers and passengers of Star Alliance member airlines will be able to start or end their journey comfortably on the climate-friendly train.
- Germany is the first market and DB is the world's first partner in the new Star Alliance initiative.
- This partnership between DB and Star Alliance builds on the Lufthansa Express Rail programme.

7. India has been elected as a member of the Intergovernmental Committee of UNESCO's 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) for which cycle \_\_\_\_\_ **2022-2026**.

**Note:**

- The elections for the Intergovernmental Committee was held during the two-day General Assembly of the 2003 Convention at UNESCO headquarters in Paris.
- India has already served as a member of the ICH Committee, from 2006 to 2010 and from 2014 to 2018.

8. Which country has become the 68th country to join the Interpol's international child sexual exploitation (ICSE) database \_\_\_\_\_ **India**.

**Note:**

- This allow to draw links between victims, abusers and crime scene using audio-visual data.
- The CBI (Central Bureau of Investigation) is the India's nodal agency for Interpol matters.
- As per the NCRB data (2021), Uttar Pradesh has topped the list of sexual offences against children followed by Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu.

9. As per the World Economic Forum has released the Global Gender Gap Index for 2022, what is the rank of India out of 146 countries. \_\_\_\_\_ **135**.

**Note:**

- India was ranked 140 out of 156 countries in 2021.

- Top 10: Iceland, Finland, Norway, New Zealand, Sweden, Rwanda, Nicaragua, Namibia, Ireland, Germany.
- Worst performing: Afghanistan (146), Pakistan (145), Congo (144), Iran (143)
- India's neighbouring countries: Bangladesh (71), Nepal (96), Sri Lanka (110), Maldives (117) and Bhutan (126)

### Honor & Awards

1. Who has been conferred with CII Quality Ratna Award 2021 for his contribution to building the competitiveness of the Indian industry through quality Initiatives \_\_\_\_\_ **Ashok Soota**.

**Note:**

- He is founder and Executive Chairman of Happiest Minds Technologies.
- The Annual CII Quality Ratna Award was constituted in the year 2019 for outstanding leadership, contribution, and distinguished service to the Quality Movement in India.

2. Who was awarded the Ayurveda Ratna Award by the UK Parliament \_\_\_\_\_ **Director of AIIA, Tanuja Nesari**.

**Note:**

- She received the award for her contribution to furthering the growth of Ayurveda in India and abroad.
- The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Indian Traditional Sciences was formed to promote the knowledge of Ayurveda, Yoga, Jyotish, Vastu, Unani and Sangeetam in the United Kingdom and abroad.

3. Who has been crowned as the Femina Miss India World 2022 title at the grand finale of VLCC Femina Miss India \_\_\_\_\_ **Sini Shetty (Karnataka)**.

**Note:**

- Rubal Shekhawat from Rajasthan has emerged as Femina Miss India 2022 first runner-up and Shinata Chauhan from Uttar Pradesh was named Femina Miss India 2022 second runner-up.
- She will represent India at the prestigious 71st Miss World pageant.

4. Which organisation has been honoured with the Microsoft Partner of the Year Award for Healthcare and Life Sciences (global winner) and the 2022 UK Microsoft Partner of the Year Award (country winner) \_\_\_\_\_ **HCL Tech**.

**Note:**

- These awards have recognized the Microsoft partners that have developed and delivered outstanding Microsoft-based applications, services, and devices during the past year.

5. Which state owned organisation has been recognized as the "Most Preferred Workplaces of 2022" in the premier edition of "Most Preferred Workplaces 2022" \_\_\_\_\_ **NTPC**.

**Note:**

- It was organized by the Team Marksmen in association with India Today.
- It highlights that how the organizations manage the wellbeing of employee, engagement and productivity alongside organizational performance.

6. Who becomes the second woman to win the Fields Medal for Mathematics after Maryam Mirzakhani (Iranian), who received the prize in 2014 \_\_\_\_\_ **Maryna Viazovska (Ukrainian mathematician)**.

**Note:**

- Other winners: Frenchman Hugo Duminil-Copin, Korean-American June Huh, Britisher James Maynard
- The Fields Medal is awarded by the International Mathematical Union (IMU).

7. Who has received the prestigious Shiromani Award from G. P. Hinduja, co-chairman of Hinduja Group at NRI World Summit 2022, United Kingdom for her contribution to the field of Art \_\_\_\_\_ **Michelle Poonawalla**.

**Note:**

- She was a speaker at the House of Lords, UK.
- Other winners: Sadhu Bhramvihari, Lord Rami Ranger, Rita Hinduja Chhabria, Dr. Kamel Hothi OBE and Falguni Shane Peacock.

8. Dr. Jitendra Singh, has announced to set up Memorial Award in public administration in the field of academic excellence in the memory of the which President of India \_\_\_\_\_ **Dr. Rajendra Prasad**.

Note:

- Dr. Rajendra Prasad has laid the foundation stone of the IIPA building complex in New Delhi.
- The 320th meeting of Executive Council of Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) was chaired by Dr. Jitendra Singh.

9. Who has become the first woman and second Indian to feature on the 'wall of former chief economists' of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) \_\_\_\_\_ **Gita Gopinath**.

Note:

- Gopinath was served as IMF Chief Economist for three years, since October 2018.
- Raghuram Rajan, was the first Indian who was featured on the IMF's wall of former chief economists.
- He served as IMF's Chief Economist and Director of Research between 2003 and 2006.

10. The government of Japan has conferred the 'Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star' award to Narayanan Kumar, who is a Vice Chairman of which company \_\_\_\_\_ **Sanmar Group**.

Note:

- He received this honour for his contribution towards strengthening economic relations between Japan and India.
- He was honoured by Taka Masayuki (Consul General of Japan) in Chennai.
- He also heads Indo-Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry and served as the president of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

11. Who has bagged the Mrs Universe Divine Title 2022 at the finals held at Yeosu City, South Korea \_\_\_\_\_ **Pallavi Singh**.

Note:

- She hails from Kanpur, and was the only contestant from Asia in the Mrs Universe contest.
- Pallavi Singh has won the title of Mrs India held in Jaipur in 2020 and Mrs Indo-Asia Universe in the Asia-level competition.

12. Which country has decided to award former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe with the highest order of nation, the Supreme Order of the Chrysanthemum posthumously \_\_\_\_\_ **Japan**.

Note:

- Shinzo Abe was the longest-serving PM of Japan and he will be the fourth former prime minister to receive the decoration under the postwar Constitution.
- He was conferred with the Padma Vibhushan (2021) for "exceptional and distinguished service" in the field of public affairs.

### Sports News

1. Which Indian Javelin thrower has clinched silver medal with a massive throw of 89.94 meter, at the prestigious Diamond League meet in Stockholm \_\_\_\_\_ **Neeraj Chopra**.

Note:

- He broke his own national record (89.30m) for the second time in a month.
- Anderson Peters (Grenadian athlete) won gold medal with a best throw of 90.31 meter.
- Earlier, he clinched silver at Paavo Nurmi Games in Turku (Finland).

2. Which sports brand has become the principal sponsor with the Indian Olympics Association (IOA) for the upcoming games, Birmingham Commonwealth 2022, Hangzhou Asian Games 2022, and Paris Olympic 2024 \_\_\_\_\_ **Adani Sportsline**.

Note:

- This is the second time that the Adani Group has collaborated with IOA after the Tokyo Olympics.

3. Eoin Morgan has announced his retirement from international cricket, belongs to which cricket \_\_\_\_\_ **England**.

Note:

- Under his captaincy, England Men has clinched their first-ever ICC Men's Cricket World Cup trophy at Lord's in 2019.
- He has also competed for England in the 2010 ICC Men's T20 Cricket World Cup, which was held in the Caribbean.

4. Who has won his maiden Formula One British Grand Prix 2022 at Silverstone \_\_\_\_\_ **Carlos Sainz (Ferrari driver)**.

**Note:**

- He beat Red Bull's Sergio Perez and Lewis Hamilton for Mercedes.
- World champion, Max Verstappen has finished at the seventh spot for Red Bull.
- Charles Leclerc has finished at fourth ahead of Fernando Alonso of Alpine and Lando Norris of McLaren.

5. Who has defeated Stuart Broad for 29 runs to create a world record for maximum runs off a single over in Test cricket \_\_\_\_\_ **Jasprit Bumrah (India captain)**.

**Note:**

- He also breaks the legendary Brian Lara's feat by one run.
- The world record stayed with Lara for 18 years, he had hit South African left-arm spinner, Robin Peterson for 28 runs in a Test match in 2003-04.

6. Who has clinched 2022 Malaysia Open title after defeating Japan's Kento Momota \_\_\_\_\_ **Viktor Axelsen (Danish)**.

**Note:**

- Women's singles: Ratchanok Intanon (Thailand)
- Men's doubles: Takuro Hoki (Japan), Yugo Kobayashi (Japan)
- Women's doubles: Apriyani Rahayu (Indonesia); Siti Fadia Silva Ramadhanti (Indonesia)
- Mixed doubles: Zheng Siwei (China), Huang Yaqiong (China)

7. Two Indian female boxers, Alfiya Pathan (81 kg) and Gitika have won gold medals at the Elorda Cup held in \_\_\_\_\_ **Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan**.

**Note:**

- Kalaivani Srinivasan and Jamuna Boro have signed off with silver medals.
- Alfiya has defeated 2016 world champion, Lazzat Kungeibayeva by a 5-0 margin.
- While Gitika has beat Kalaivani in all-Indian women's 48 kg final.

8. Which country has signed a five-year deal to pay women's players at both international and domestic level receive the same match fees as men across all formats and competitions \_\_\_\_\_ **New Zealand**.

**Note:**

- The deal will come into effect from August 1.
- As per the deal, professional women's players will receive equity in matters such as travel, accommodation, and the wider playing and training environment.

9. Who has clinched the Wimbledon 2022 title after beating Australian Nick Kyrgios in London \_\_\_\_\_ **Novak Djokovic**.

**Note:**

- He became the fourth player in the open era after Roger Federer, Pete Sampras, and Bjorn Borg won four titles in a row.
- It is the 21st Grand Slam title of Djokovic.
- Kazakhstan tennis player, Elena Rybakina has clinched the Women's Singles title.

10. Which mixed team archery duo has won a bronze medal at the 11th edition of World Games held at Birmingham, Alabama, USA \_\_\_\_\_ **Abhishek Verma and Jyothi Surekha Vennam**.

**Note:**

- In the bronze medal round, the team defeated Canada's Andrea Becerra & Miguel Becerra.
- Abhishek Verma is the only Indian archer to win medals at all stages of compound archery (World Games, World Championship, World Cup Final, World Cup, Asian Games, Asian Championship).

11. The 36th National Games will be held in which state between September 27 and October 10 \_\_\_\_\_ **Gujarat**.

**Note:**

- The prestigious event is being held after a gap of seven years, the last was being held in 2015 in Kerala.
- PM Narendra Modi had launched the 'Khel Mahakhumbh' initiative in Gujarat in 2010 when he was the chief minister of the state.
- The National Games will have 34 sporting events including athletics, hockey, among others.

12. Which Indian Shooter has won his first gold medal in 10 m Air Rifle at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup stage at Changwon in South Korea \_\_\_\_\_ **Arjun Babuta**.

**Note:**

- He defeated Lucas Kozeniesky (USA), who has won silver medal in Tokyo 2020.
- Sergey Richter from Israel has settled for bronze with a score of 259.9 and Paarth Makhija from India finished at fourth position.
- This was India's first medal under new national foreign rifle coach Thomas Farnik.

13. Who has won the Gijon Chess Masters 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **D. Gukesh**.

**Note:**

- GM Alexandr Fier of Brazil has finished second with 6.5 points while International Master, Pedro Antonio Gines of Spain has finished third scoring six points.
- Gukesh took his FIDE rating to 2693. If he crosses the Elo rating of 2700, Gukesh could well become the sixth Indian to do so after Viswanathan Anand, Krishnan Sasikiran, P. Harikrishna, Vidit Gujarati and B. Adhiban.

14. Who has clinched the title of FI Austrian Grand Prix 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **Ferrari's Charles Leclerc**.

**Note:**

- Max Verstappen (Red Bull) and seven-time world champion, Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes) settled for second and third place respectively.
- The 2022 Austrian Grand Prix was a F1 motor race held on 10 July 2022 at the Red Bull Ring in Spielberg, Austria.

15. Who has won gold in the 100m sprint at the 2022 World Masters Athletics Championships in Tampere, Finland \_\_\_\_\_ **Bhagwani Devi Dagar**.

**Note:**

- She has clocked 24.74 seconds in the 100m sprint and also clinched the bronze medal in the shot put.
- She hails from Khidka village in Haryana.
- The World Masters Athletics Championships is an event for athletics (track and field) for athletes aged 35 years and over.

16. Who has been named as the International Cricket Council (ICC) has named the Player of the June 2022 in Men's category \_\_\_\_\_ **Jonny Bairstow (England)**.

**Note:**

- Women's Player: Batter, Marizanne Kapp (South Africa)
- Jonny Bairstow has received this title after his remarkable performances against New Zealand in May 2022.

17. Which team has bagged second gold medal for India in the 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup stage in South Korea \_\_\_\_\_ **Mehuli Ghosh and Shahu Tushar Mane(India)**.

**Note:**

- Indian team defeated Eszter Meszaros and Istvan Pen from the Hungary by 17-13.
- Another Indian duo of Palak and Shiva Narwal bagged bronze in the 10m Air Pistol mixed event after defeating Kazakhstan's Irina Loktionova and Valeriy Rakhimzhan.

### Books and Authors

1. Name the author-journalist who has written the memoir Mind Master: Winning Lessons from a Champion's Life \_\_\_\_\_ **Susan Ninan**.

**Note:**

- Hachette India has announced the paperback edition of five-time world chess champion Viswanathan Anand's widely acclaimed memoir "Mind Master: Winning Lessons from a Champion's Life".
- It is written by Anand with author-journalist Susan Ninan.

2. Who is the writer of the book titled "Shinrin Yoku: The Rejuvenating Practice of Forest Bathing" \_\_\_\_\_ **Hector Garcia and Francesc Miralles**.

Note:

- 'Shinrin Yoku', which translates as 'forest bathing', refers to taking mindful walks amidst nature to relieve stress and realign our energies.
  - The term was coined by the Japanese Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries in 1982.
3. Who has launched the book titled, "Swadhinta Sangram na 75 Shoorveero" in Gujarati \_\_\_\_\_ **Meenakshi Lekhi (Union Minister of Culture)**.
- This book is a page-long summary of 75 freedom fighters of India like- Tirupur Kumaran from Tamil Nadu who saved the Flag.
  - It is a part of the "Swadhinta Ka Amrit Mahotsav" to mark the 75th year of the country's Independence.
  - The book is published by the Hindu Spiritual & Service Foundation in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
4. Who is the writer of the book titled, "The McMahon line: A century of discord" \_\_\_\_\_ **General JJ Singh (Retd)**.

Note:

- He was a former Governor of Arunachal Pradesh and former Chief of Army Staff.
- The book is based on the experiences and research on the India-China border dispute.
- The book had laid emphasis on politics, history, structure and geography of the McMahon line.

### Science and Defence

1. Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh has inaugurated a new manufacturing facilities at the Bhanur Unit of Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) in which state \_\_\_\_\_ **Telangana**.

Note:

- Includes: Warhead facility at the Bhanur Unit; a Radio Frequency (RF) Seeker facility at Kanchanbagh Unit.
  - The RF Seeker Facility is an integrated Centre for the production and testing of RF seekers.
2. Which organisation has conducted successfully maiden flight of the Autonomous Flying Wing Technology Demonstrator from the Aeronautical Test Range, Karnataka \_\_\_\_\_ **DRDO**.

Note:

- It is powered by a small turbofan engine.
  - The unmanned aerial vehicle is designed and developed by Aeronautical Development Establishment.
  - The aircraft system such as airframe, undercarriage and entire flight control and avionics systems had been developed indigenously.
3. Indian Navy has commissioned Indian Naval Air Squadron in the presence of Vice Admiral, Biswajit Dasgupta at INS Dega, Visakhapatnam \_\_\_\_\_ **Indian Naval Air Squadron 324**.

Note:

- This is the first Naval Squadron on the Eastern Seaboard operating indigenously designed and built Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) MK III (MR) helicopters.
  - This has been named as 'Kestrels', after a bird species, that has good sensory capabilities, symbolising the role envisaged of the aircraft and the air squadron.
4. The defence ministry has allowed which three private sector banks to provide financial services to it for overseas procurement of military hardware \_\_\_\_\_ **HDFC Bank Ltd, ICICI Bank, and Axis Bank**.

Note:

- Earlier, only authorised public sector banks were allow to provide services such as issuance of letters of credit and DBT to the ministry.
  - For one year on concurrent basis, the selected banks may be allocated with LC business of Rs 2,000 crore, each on the capital and revenue side.
5. Which Indigenous Aircraft Carrier has been successfully completed its fourth phase of Sea Trials \_\_\_\_\_ **Vikrant**.

Note:

- Vikrant has an indigenous content of 76%.

- The construction of the aircraft carrier began in 2009.
  - The indigenous design and construction of Aircraft Carrier by Indian Navy and Cochin Shipyard Limited.
6. China has begun four-day naval exercises 'Sea Guardians-2' from the coast of Shanghai with which country \_\_\_\_\_

**Pakistan.**

**Note:**

- This drill exercise involves Pakistan's most advanced China-built frigate.
  - Taimur is the second of four powerful Type 054A/P frigates built by China, was delivered to the Pakistan Navy.
  - Theme: jointly dealing with maritime security threats.
7. Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh has launched how many defence products powered by artificial intelligence at the first-ever 'AI in Defence' symposium and exhibition \_\_\_\_\_ 75.

**Note:**

- This exhibition was organised by the Ministry of Defence in New Delhi.
- Products include: AI Platform Automation; Autonomous/Unmanned/Robotics systems; Block Chain-based Automation; Command, Control, Computer & Intelligence and many more.
- These products will open up new business avenues for the Defence PSUs.

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